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Applicant: Gary S. Rea  
Application No.: 10/074,702 Group: 1711  
Filed: February 13, 2002 Examiner: Boykin, Terressa M.  
Confirmation No.: 7061  
For: METHOD OF DRYING A MATERIAL HAVING A COHESIVE PHASE

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Transmitted herewith is Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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| SMALL ENTITY |        |               |
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| X            | \$ 9   | \$            |
| X            | \$ 42  | \$            |
| +            | \$ 140 | \$            |

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| X                          | \$ 18  | \$ 0          |
| X                          | \$ 84  | \$ 0          |
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 1, 2003, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

A one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: